Titanium Boride (TiB) Hardening Technology

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- Technologies, applications, & current product evaluations
- Licensing & commercialization pathways
- Utah spinout company
 - Concept, IP, and function schematic
 - Formation, growth, and sustainability

Technologies, applications & current product evaluations

Surface hardening

- Biomedical, bearings, gears, knives, gun barrels
 - Ortho Development, Rotek, American Engr. & Mfrg.

Bulk hardening

- Armor, tool, dies, inserts
 - Oregon Ballistics, Armor Systems Int'l, Cercom, Ceradyne, Futura

Titanium Products for TiB Hardening

Biomedical



Aerospace Bearings



Armor

Titanium Hardware



Aerospace Gears

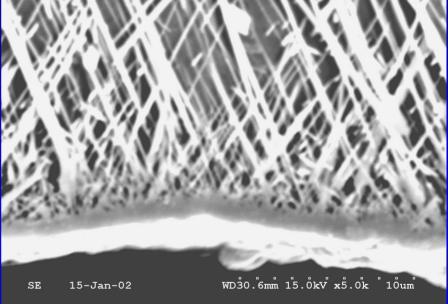




What is Titanium Boride Hardening?

A process to create uniquely structured TiB Hardened Surface Layer

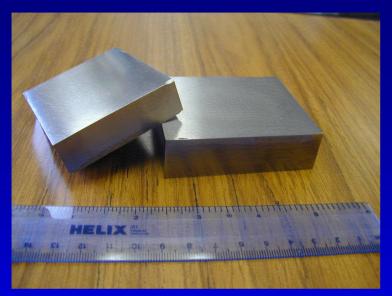




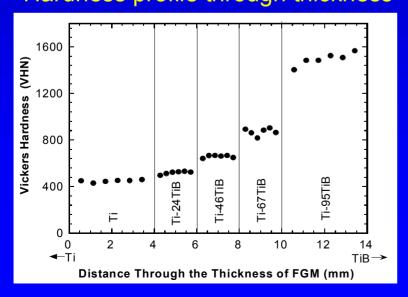
Ti surface

Nanostructured & resembling "nails" through the surface

What is TiB Hardened Graded Armor Material?



Hardness profile through thickness



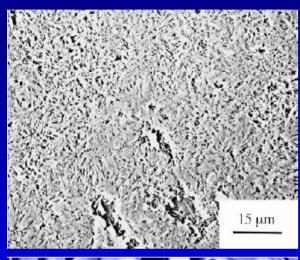
Ti-95%TiB Graded Armor plate

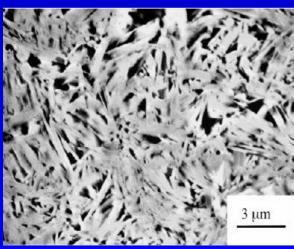


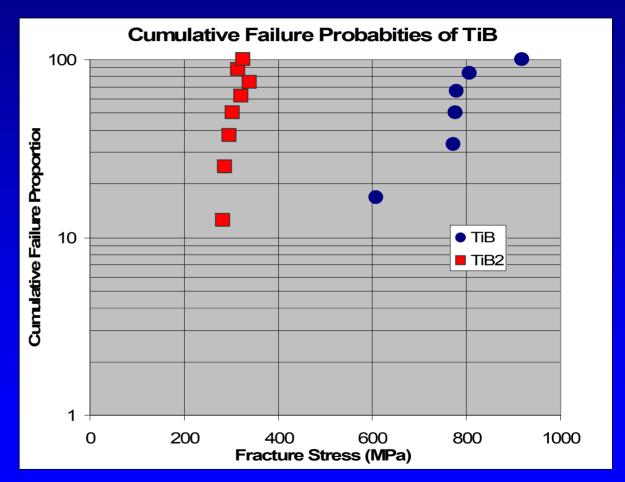


Ti-52%TiB Graded Armor plate

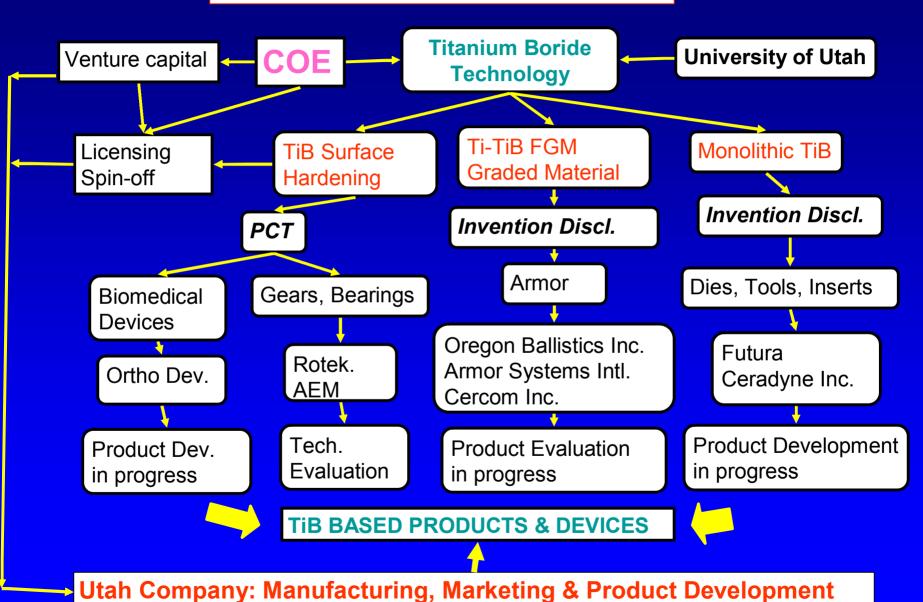
What is Nanostructured Monolithic (almost) TiB Material?







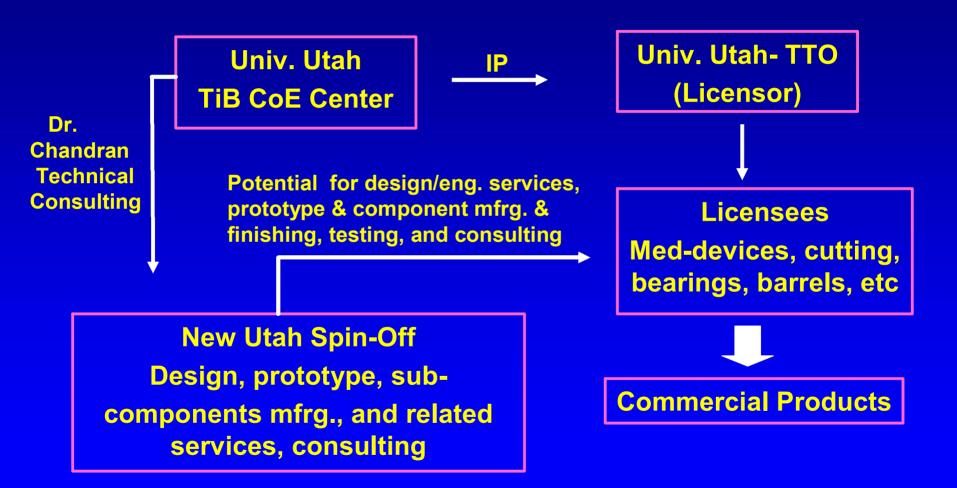
TiB Technology Commercialization & Spin-Off Developmental Plan



Licensing and commercial pathways

- Multiple fields of use favor licensing model to maximize revenues
- Lower Ti production costs and specialized, high-value applications driving market demand
- Need for pre-commercial prototype services via Utah-based spinout company to provide:
 - Design, metallurgy, engineering services
 - Processing & Treatment services
 - Polishing, grinding, forming, shaping, machining
 - Undertake high-value TiB component manufacturing
 - Prototype wear and durability testing
 - Full range of technical and production consulting services

Utah Spin-Off (concept, IP, and functional schematic)



Utah Spinout Company (formation, growth and sustainability)

- Formation planned during '05/'06 CoE funding cycle
- Relatively low startup investment required; quick payback
- Immediate, self-funding, profitable revenues
- Synergistically enhances & supports licensing activity
- Sustainable competitive advantage, based on know how.
- Scalable operations to include specialized, high-value component manufacturing.
- Create high-pay Utah jobs.

Example: Straw Utah Armor Company

Cost Item		Annual Revenues	Recurring Expenses	Yearly Profit
Equipment: Hot Press Tape casting unit Misc. Equipment Rent, utilities, etc. License, Fees	One time \$\$\$ 500,000 50,000 200,000 200,000 100,000		10-yr Capital Amortization 105,000 /yr.	
Personnel, Raw Materials: 1 Supervisor 2 entry level Engineers 2 operators Raw Materials Interest on Capital	Annualized cost 60,000 80,000 50,000 1,000,000 100,000		1,290,000	
Goods Sold: 3000 Tank Armor 5000 Body Armor 100 Prototype Auto armor Net	Cost of Item: 1,000 0,400 1,000	3,000,000 2,000,000 100,000 5,100,000	2,185,000	2,915,000

CoE External Sponsorship

Product Focus	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5
Orthopedic Devices Ortho Development Corporation, UT					
Bearings American Eng. and Manuf., Rotek					
Armor Armor Systems International, WA Oregon Ballistics	_				
Dies, Tools Inserts Futura, others					
Gun Barrels, tracks US Army, Flowform Inc.					
Aerospace Gears Triumph Gear Systems, others					



Funded Research program in place
Initial discussion complete; research program to be agreed
Contact, Discussion underway
To be developed